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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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BOMBAY MILLS.

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BOMBAY, January 30.
A meeting of mill owners decided to circularise mill hands stating that in view of the benefits received by them since the war and the badness of trade throughout the world no requests for advances can be granted and in the event of a strike the mills may be closed down for two or three weeks.

AMERICAN AMBASSADORS.

EMBASSIES IN LONDON AND PARIS.

WASHINGTON, January 30.
The House of Representatives has approved the Government's acceptance of Mr. Morgan's offer of his house in London as a residence for the American Ambassador and has also authorised the appropriation of \$150,000 for the purchase of an embassy in Paris.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE RETURNS TO LONDON.

GEORGIA RECOGNISED.

Mr. Lloyd George has returned to London. PARIS, January 30.
The Conference recognised Georgia.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEIPT AT CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, January 30.
The Duke of Connaught arrived and received a very enthusiastic reception, but as a result of the strong boycott and campaign of non-cooperation a part of the city observed strict martial law.

YACHT RACE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

WASHINGTON, January 30.
The King of the Belgians has offered a cup for a trans-Atlantic yacht race from Sandy Hook to Ostend on July 4, open to sailing yachts of any size and rig without handicap.

CRIMP SCOUT IN INDIA.

BOMBAY, January 30.
General and Lady Baden-Powell have arrived to re-organise the boy scout and girl guide movement in India.

LATE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH OF RUSSIA.

JERUSALEM, January 30.
The Marquess of Milfordhaven has arrived with the body of the late Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia for interment at Gethsemane.

INDIAN TROUBLES.

STUDENTS STRIKE AT LAHORE SPREADING.

LAHORE, January 29.
The students strike is spreading. Of 1,200 day college students only 30 are attending lectures.

ALLAHABAD, January 29.
The threat of the rioters Fyzabad to annihilate the police has not materialised but the police are standing by.

SPEECH DAY.

ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE.

St. Stephen's Girls' College "Speech Day" was held in the Chinese YMCA on Saturday afternoon. The Bishop of Victoria presided and Lady Stubbs presented the prizes. Included in the entertainment given by the scholars was a representation by the elder girls of scenes from Tennyson's "Princess" which the epilogue stated was given as a special plea for the higher education of women at the Hongkong University.

Miss Griffin read her annual report as follows—"For the second time, in the space of a few weeks, it is due to the kindness of the Y.M.C.A. that we find this beautiful auditorium at our disposal. I should like at the outset of my few remarks in the name of the staff and students of S.S.G.C. to thank the General Secretary for making it possible for us all to invite our friends to meet with us here to-day.

It was in 1919 that we held our first "Speech Day". The honour of speaking then fell to a few of the students (for was it not they who had that year made the great decision to work without reward, for the honour of their school and for the sake of the world itself?).

To-day, however, their places will be taken by those wiser than themselves, who having considered the good work they are able to do, as well as the ideals for which the school stands, have decided that some building better suited to their needs must be provided. They will be able to speak to you to-day of happier prospects of the fulfilment of this desire, a fact which is due to the very generous response which so many present have already made to the Building Fund. We should like to take this present opportunity of thanking you for the share which many of you have taken in assuring the College a happier outlook, and a building more secure and worthy for its increasing number of the scholars.

I think all present would like to know that the girls there are very interesting.

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 2.6 3:16

Today's opening rate 2.7 3:15

Miss Geirris added: Girls, in higher forms are learning the same lesson. The staff have decided for some time past to help them to a right spirit of healthy emulation in work, by abandoning marks or even marks, in examinations. We hope by this means to eradicate the evil spirit of competition, and consequent bad feeling, which a difference of a few marks sometimes has been known to cause. We are all well satisfied that such a system is working well to produce good results in the school for the girls who have passed through the school to Junior and Senior Local Examination standard of work. We are glad to be able to record 100 per cent in passes for 1920. Between the 5 candidates 8 distinctions were gained. In the Senior Examination 1 in History, and in the Junior Examination 2 in Scripture, 2 in Drawing and 1 in Domestic Science. Girls who have passed out of the school are also a cause of great thankfulness and encouragement. The greater majority are, as we would have them, most naturally and fittingly taking their places as centres of influence in their own homes, putting to the test and also into practice many of the lessons they first learnt with us in school, in the class-room, or through their Christian Association — others are now finding their vocation as teachers in many centres. Two are in Canton giving help in our C.M.S. Girls' School and Women's School respectively. Another is in charge of the English kindergarten in the C.M.S. Girls' School, another and yet another in Van Chau has a vernacular school of her own—the first to be opened in the city. Quite a number of our girls are now continuing their studies in America. In Hongkong specially it seems as though such opportunities for Higher Education might easily be forthcoming. We are still looking to the Hongkong University to answer the appeal just recently made to them from this platform, and to provide in the near future (in the way they deem most fitting), for the furtherance of women's education in this Colony.

In closing will you allow me to say how much I have appreciated the way in which the interests of the College have been maintained and its work furthered during this past year of my absence on furlough. For ten months the burden of responsibility has been cheerfully borne by Miss Middleton Smith as Acting Principal or the English staff who have so loyally wished to help her. To her untiring energy and zeal is due very much of which this report has spoken. We wish her every success and blessing in the work which she has temporarily undertaken at St. Paul's College. But I know that she will be glad to have her appreciation of the loyal staff of workers who have willingly carried things through with her. For Miss Atkins, whose first year of work in the College has endeared her to all, and to whose thorough teaching, the girls in the upper forms owe very much. For Miss Hazland, an old friend of our College, who continually has so many calls upon her time and ability in the splendid training she gives the girls, not only in their English classes, but in preparation for such parts as our girls are taking in today's programme, and that of similar occasions. Mrs. Samson has this year most generously spared time to carry on the piano lessons. Mrs. Britton, though unable to continue her drawing classes, has kindly made time to give violin lessons to 2 of our pupils, thereby starting us on the way to the formation of a small orchestra, which we hope may develop. Her drawing classes have been taken by Mrs. Bion whom we are glad to welcome to or the staff, as a helper in many departments of the work.

Our Chinese staff, beside their ordinary class work are invaluable to us. Mrs. Cheung, as Interpreter-in-Chief and Miss Kwok, as President of our school W.Y.C.A. Their services are most precious to us.

I still hope that in the near future, the vernacular side of our work will be better correlated with the English work.

Meanwhile, Mr. Lo, and Mr. Yung give us their valuable help as they have for many years past. We must wait for our new school, when we shall plan for the strengthening of their work.

Finally, I emphasize the fact that our present quarters are most uncomfortably full and that boarders who would seek admittance have on that account to be refused for lack of accommodation.

We should like this to be remedied as soon as possible. We have been shaken out of one house to overflow another, but we still go forward in faith for we believe that "God is with us."

Lady Stubbs then presented the prizes. Her ladyship congratulated the scholars on their work and expressed satisfaction that the building fund was progressing.

St. Stephen's deserved better accommodation, for it was turning out girls who would make good homes—great necessity at the present time.

Sir Roxas Ho-Tung, in proposing a vote of thanks to Lady Stubbs, gave an account, first in English and then in Chinese, of the progress of the Building Fund, as Chairman of the Building Fund Committee. It was proposed to raise \$75,000, and there had been already collected over \$50,000—applause—or two-thirds of the total.

This amount included about \$30,000 raised principally by the students during last year.—(Applause). Having regard to the many calls upon the purse of the generous-minded public in the Colony, he thought the Committee's success thus far was very encouraging.

As \$30,000 were still required he took the opportunity of making an earnest appeal to all interested in the education of Chinese girls to help.

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MARRIAGE.

HASKETT-BONE.—At the Wesleyan Church, Hongkong, on January 29, Louise Helen, eldest daughter of the Rev. Charles and Mrs. Bone, to George Henry Haskett.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JAN. 31, 1921.

RACE TIME COMING.

It is not unknown for new-comers, accustomed to bigger races, to indulge in a mild jibe at our China ponies, to compare them with sheep, and to suggest that our most serious and earnest sportsmen are, as it were, the offspring of an animal that is neither horse nor mule, but resembles both. They soon grow out of it, and take as keen an interest as the rest of us in the fortunes of local favourites, especially when they are introduced to the popular excitement of our club sweeps, gamble at which the law wink kindly, to our great comfort and satisfaction, for these seasonal indulgences are pleasant slips in our jaded life. Now that the training is in full swing, the interest in the forthcoming meetings becomes audible, and the air is full of gossip about ponies and punters. Two owners have entered their pony as "Adversariat," and if it fails to score a win with a name like that, the *China Mail* staff is going to be seriously out of pocket, that's all. Of the most interesting gossip that reaches us is that about a certain pony that makes the most remarkably fast times when training, but when actually racing has been so far among the "also rans." It occurred to his intelligent owner that

CHINESE AND UNIVERSITIES.

No Hongkong publicist can be blamed for urging the claims of Hongkong University, upon the attention of Chinese students and

their parents and guardians. If these claims can be urged with good and practical reasons, as we believe they can, so much the better. We believe they can, in spite of the few faults and failings of our local institution that have been pointed out. All depends upon what the student is after. It is just a little fatuous to suppose that the Chinese do not see the motive of the various nations in desiring to attract Chinese students to their respective Universities. They look upon each graduate as an un-salaried Commercial Traveler, committed to an involuntary partiality for their products. In theory, and probably, largely in practice, every student who completes his term in Japan is an asset to Japan, and every one who graduates in America or in Britain will be pro-American or pro-British as the case may be. We have seen how pro-German were the majority of Japanese students who studied there. Even men of our own race who had been at German Universities were less anti-German than those who had not. To propose that Chinese students should graduate at the Hongkong University and thereafter be satisfied with a brief post-graduate course at a British University is natural enough as advice coming from a British adviser, but is it not asking a little too much? The question of expense arises, even with those able to send their sons to such places to acquire qualifications. The question will arise in their minds, "What do they get for their money?" We have got to show them, if we desire their return to Hongkong University, that its degrees have value. We must satisfy them. If we wish them to go to Europe, that a British degree is better than any others. No other argument can impress them. We recall the advice tendered to a Hongkong parent on one occasion by a high post-page. "If you desire your son to enter one of the professions, and to make a career, send him to Cambridge. If you desire him to remain at home, and assist you in your business, and retain his Chinese sympathies, Hongkong University is good enough for you." It is important to tell any Chinese parent that a young boy, going away from home, will be exposed to very serious temptations. They know all about that, and their anxiety on that score is not lessened wherever the lad goes. The unfortunate thing about our University is that, notwithstanding the munificence of the government, and such generous benefactions as that of Mr. H. M. Nemerov, it has so far failed to get the real good will of the European population here. Many of our prominent public men, in private if not openly, regard it as a too extravagant donation to purely Chinese interests. They fail to recognize the benefits it promises ultimately to bring to themselves.

10 SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

All preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. If future if this space is exceeded the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Captain E. R. G. R. Evans resumed full pay sea service on the 15th inst., and will take passage to the Far East to succeed Capt. John W. Carrington, in the command of the light cruiser "Carisole," serving on the China Station.

H.E. Sir Dudley Ridout, G.O.C. at Singapore, has received notification from the War Office that his successor, Major-General Sir John Fowler, leaves London on the 21st January. Sir Dudley will leave Singapore by the "Kashgar" in March.

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Saturday afternoon the wedding took place of Mr. S. A. Marcal, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, and Miss M. A. da Rosa. The reception was held at the Catholic Union Club after the ceremony.

Members of the "Carisole's" crew yesterday followed to Happy Valley the remains of a shipmate, T. Heame, Engine Room Artificer, who died following an operation. The deceased was a young man, only a recent arrival here, coming out in the "Bremen" this month.

The Straits friends of Mr. S. C. Teo will be pleased to learn that he is engaged to Miss Tan Gaik Lou, youngest sister of Mr. K. H. Tan, Manager of the Aukt & Viborg Co., Hongkong. Mr. Teo is the youngest brother of Mr. Teo Pin Chong and Ipo. The wedding day is not yet fixed, and will be announced later.

Lieutenant W. S. L. Gilchrist has been posted to the "Tamar" at Hongkong. Lieutenant Gilchrist entered the Royal Navy ten years ago, saw a good deal of service in the war, and was promoted to his present rank in August of last year. Before being appointed to the "Tamar" he was doing duty with the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham.

The death took place at Shanghai, on January 22, of Mr. Frederick Arnold Burchardi at the age of 77. Mr. Burchardi, a German, was one of the oldest foreign residents of China, having been in the country for 52 years. He founded the now extinct firm of Gipperich and Burchardi, and retired some 20 years ago. Mr. Burchardi is survived by a daughter, and several relatives in Kiel.

The manager of the Banque Industrielle de Chine at Shanghai has issued to the Press the following telegram from the bank's head office in Paris, dated January 20:—"You are authorized to announce officially that an agreement has been reached between our bank and a most powerful group of French banks, headed by the Banque le Paris et des Pays-Bas, according to which that group acquires a large financial interest in the Banque Industrielle de Chine."

The *Castor Times* states that in order to popularise the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung banknotes, there is now a proposal under consideration to forbid the circulation of foreign currency in this province. If this proposal is adopted by the Canton Government, all business transactions will calculate their accounts on the basis of local currency. There is a complaint before the authorities that the Chinese Post Office is not accepting the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung notes for payment of postage stamps.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in a costume of white satin and wore a tulip veil. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and maidenhair fern.

Miss Ruby Kong, the bridesmaid, wore a pink and white dress, and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Mr. Leung Nai Yung was bestman.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the bridegroom's father's house, No. 2, Lower Mosque Terrace, and was well attended. The customary toasts were honoured with enthusiasm by those present, and appropriate speeches were made both in English and in Chinese.

After dinner the happy couple,

who were the recipients of many

beautiful and costly presents, left by the night boat for Canton where the honeymoon is being spent.

Commander Charles S. Benning, D.S.O., has been appointed to the command of the "Titania," depot ship for submarines at Hongkong. Commander Benning, who was recently in command of the "Vulcan," depot torpedo ship, in home waters, specialised in submarine work long before the war, and was in command of the E.T. when the war of 1914-18 opened. He saw much underwater service, and won the D.S.O. for repeated acts of good service in Heligoland Bight when his submarine formed part of Commodore Roger Keyes' famous patrol force, which held the narrow seas (mentioned in despatches, D.S.O., 1914 Star, British War Medals).

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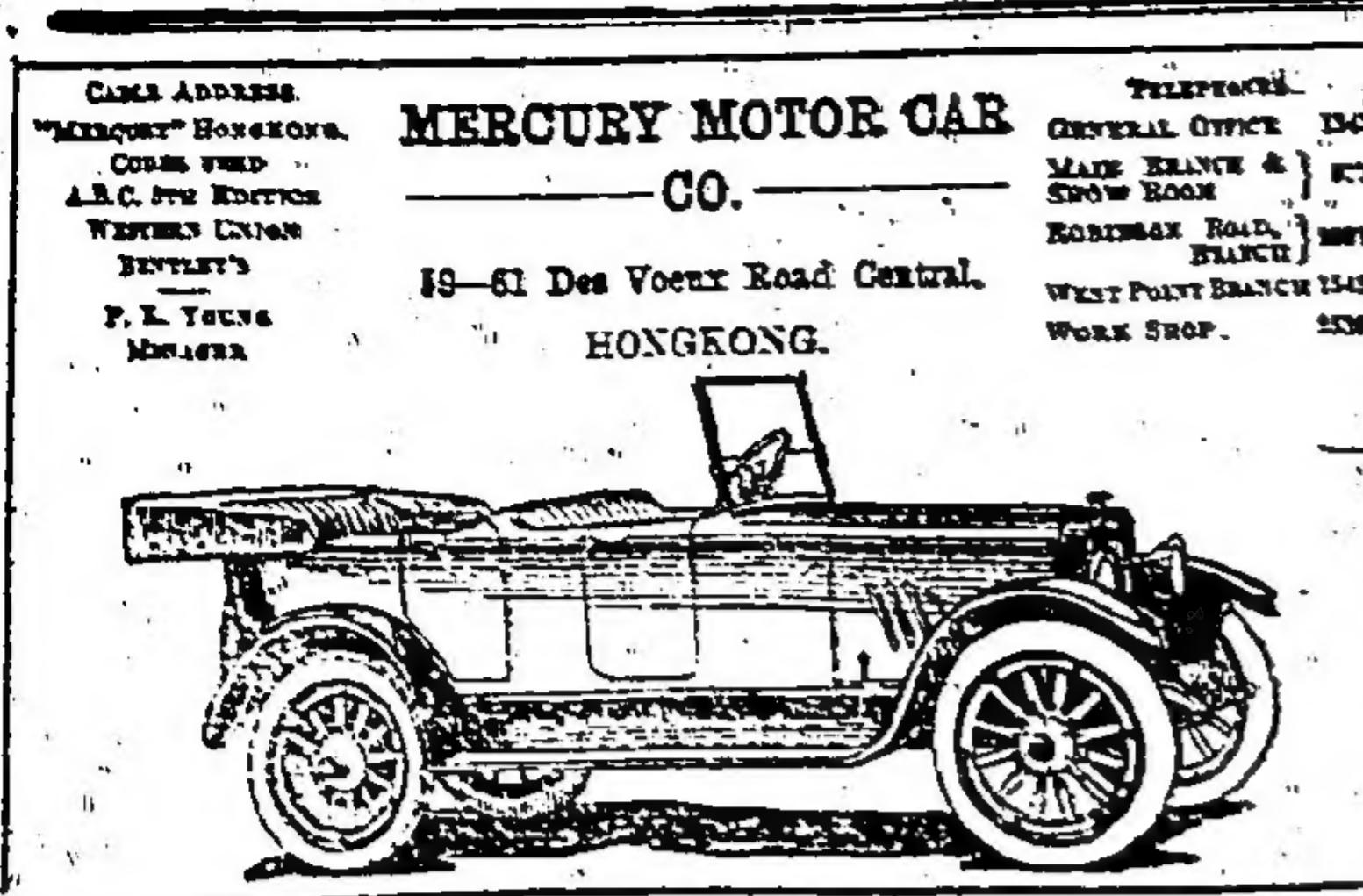
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ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL

THE YEAR'S REPORT.

The Ellis Kadoorie School was the scene at noon to-day of the annual prize-giving. Mrs. Claud Severn, wife of the Colonial Secretary, distributed the awards. There was a large attendance of scholars and others interested in the ceremony. The distinguished guests included The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn; Mr. A. E. Irving, Director of Education; The Hon. Mr. Lau Chi Pak; Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, founder of the school; and Mr. Ralph, Inspector of Schools.

After the guests had viewed the exhibition of pictures by students of the school, the Headmaster, Mr. Charles Mycock, read the annual report. He said:

The popularity and growth of this School is shown by its ever increasing numbers and incessant demands for additions to the Staff. The minimum Staff required for its most economical and efficient working when full is 25 Assistants for the English Classes and 7 for the Vernacular. Our present requirements for the Vernacular Classes have been met by the recent appointment of two new men, but our present Staff of 21 for the English Classes, will be insufficient for the influx of new students in the coming term. Recommendation for the appointment of another four assistants has been made to the Head of the Department, and will, no doubt, receive early attention.

may state that two of these vacancies with accommodation for 60 boys were created last March by the conversion of the large Confucian Hall on the 3rd floor into three class rooms. In the coming year, with required minimum staff, I estimate that this School will for the first time, be full to its utmost capacity. This, under existing regulations, and without the use of the Hall, is 760 boys. The figures for maximum attendance and daily average attendance in 1920 are 736 and 590, compared to 629 and 567 in 1919. A vote of \$350.00 has been granted for apparatus already ordered. Additions to the Staff last March were Mrs. Mycock and Mrs. Richmond. Anglo-Chinese Masters have also been appointed to replace two who have entered business, and one, who, for incompetency, was dismissed.

Stat successes in the teacher examinations at the Technical Institute last year were:

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The Government syllabus of work for District Schools was revised last September, and it is also to our advantage that the school year is being made to begin with the Chinese New Year. Having boys in the same class for an extra six months will enable masters to establish a still higher standard, although class work, with one or two exceptions, can even now, be considered satisfactory. Yet, unless great care be taken, the work is apt to deteriorate and become stereotyped and unimaginative. "With a view to remedying this defect, a Master's Reference Library, with Mr. Ho Wa Ching as Librarian, has been commenced." Modern educational works and periodicals have been ordered from England, and should prove of great value to the younger teachers. At the beginning of this term, Queen's College found it impossible to admit the whole of our class - 4 boys eligible for promotion. A class 3 was formed and placed under Mr. Ng Fung Chau. Good work has been done, and when this class proceeds to Queen's *en bloc* next term, we hope that it will give a good account of itself.

Dr. Valentine carried on the Medical Examinations commenced by Capt. Macaulay the year previously, with the following results:

Boys Examined, 491. Dental cases 109 or 22 per cent. Sight Cases 84 or 17 per cent. Eighty-two of these were supplied with spectacles. Eleven boys were found to be suffering from scabies. All of these cases received treatment.

I have to thank the Medical Officers of both the Government Civil and Tongwah Hospitals for courtesies received in the past year in connection with this work.

Activities apart from the school routine are many and vigorous. In the volleyball leagues we ran a senior, a junior, and a small boys' team. The junior and the small boys'

teams have won their respective leagues in both the spring and autumn competitions. The football team has for the first time for years actually won matches. The usual swimming picnics have been successful and well attended.

In the H.K.A.F. Sports we carried off most of the prizes as well as the Ho Wong Shield for the Junior Team Race. Queen's were too strong for us in the senior team race and retain the Coronation Shield. Rather ambitiously perhaps, eight of our boys coached by Mrs. Richmond, entered for the Annual open Harbour Swims. All finished the course creditably, but our first man was 9th in Boxing with kindred exercises has been successfully introduced, and Sergeant Marriot speaks very enthusiastically of his Class. A recreation room under the supervision of upper class boys for chess, draughts, &c., has proved exceedingly popular. Mr. Cheng Kai Ip reports that the Library has been increased by some 300 volumes. Books suitable for the boys in every class are being obtained and special efforts are being made to encourage the reading of English books.

The Dramatic society and School Band are for the moment quiescent, but should an application of the near future for the increase of the Hall stage accommodation be successful, quite an extensive programme will be arranged. Lecture lectures on the British Empire, London, &c. &c. were given to the whole School last term in Class 3 room, and occasional educational films at local cinemas have also been much appreciated.

The school Subscription Fund for the Famine Relief Fund has reached the respectable sum of about \$950. I desire to place on record my appreciation of the loyal support I have received from Mr. Ng Fung Chau and the remainder of the Staff.

The thanks of the School are due to all the generous donors of Scholarships and prizes, and we consider ourselves especially fortunate in the timely return of the Hon. Dr. Severn; firstly, that the sequence of years he has so generously presented the Art Prizes may remain unbroken, and finally, because we can congratulate both him and ourselves on the acquisition of a new and gracious ally to share the labours of our annual prize-giving.

The Hon. Mr. Severn, greeted with applause, referred to his pleasure in returning to Hongkong in time for the prize-giving, a ceremony he had had the honour of attending ever since the school had been taken over by the Government. He thanked the headmaster for his reference to Mrs. Severn and her help. He was glad to see Mr. Ellis Kadoorie and the Hon. Mr. Lau Chi Pak present. The report they had heard read was eminently satisfactory and Mr. Mycock was to be congratulated on the success of his second year as head master.

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SPORT.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

R.G.A.	3;	Kowloon	1
"Tamar"	1;	Club	0
Police	1;	"Ambrose"	0
"Titania"	1;	Wilts	1

R.G.A. v. KOWLOON.

A very fast and exciting game was fought out on the Navy "B" ground between the above teams, ending in a victory for the Gunners by 3 goals to 1. Kowloon did very well in the first half scoring first and pressing the Gunners hard, but they seemed to fall to pieces in the second half, the Gunners keeping them pinned in their own territory almost the whole time.

"TAMAR" v. H.K. CLUB.

The "Tamar" team are becoming a lot to be reckoned with. They play with rare combination and plenty of vim and hustle, and certainly deserved their victory over the Club on Saturday. Whilst the first half of the match was fairly evenly contested, in the second half the Sailors overran the Club territory, the Club only being saved from a crushing defeat by the reliability of Rodger in goal. Just before time, the Sailors were awarded a penalty from which they scored the winning goal.

Mr. Hollands was referee.

POLICE v. "AMBROSE".

This match was played on the Navy "A" ground. From the Sailors kick-off, it developed into a fast and very even game—the match being full of excitement. Early on, after a pretty piece of combination, Robertson scored for the Police and though the Sailors tried hard to even up, this proved to be the only goal of the match.

"TITANIA" v. WILTS.

Judging by the result of the above match, it looks as if the "Titania" side team of no mean order. The Wilts are at the head of the First Division and they were very lucky to share the points with the Sailors on Saturday. The "Titania" had the better of the exchanges right through the game and although the Wilts scored first, right up to the final whistle it was a question whether the Soldiers' defence could hold out and avert defeat.

SECOND DIVISION.

Oilers 3 Punjabis 0
Indians 2 Club 1

Out of five Second League Matches down for decision three were put off, St. Joseph's, United and the Recreio not being able to raise teams.

OILERS v. PUNJABIS.

The Punjabis put up a game against the Oilers—they kept the score down to a single goal against them in the first half and two in the records, which is quite an achievement against a well balanced team like the Oilers.

INDIANS v. CLUB RESERVES.

The match was played on the Club ground. Half time saw the Club one goal ahead but the Indians had the measure of their opponents, scoring twice without reply.

Mr. Hollands was in charge.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony on Saturday.

A Chinese woman who picked the pocket of E.R.A. James Murphy, of H.M.S. "Tamar," stealing a wallet containing \$40, was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Orme to six weeks' hard labour.

For the unlawful possession of 170 rounds of ammunition, a Chinese who was yesterday arrested in Aberdeen Street, was this morning ordered by Magistrate Lindsell to pay a fine of \$100 or serve two months' hard labour. The ammunition was confiscated.

It is understood that negotiations have been opened on behalf of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association with a view to inducing the victorious American Davis Cup tennis team to play in Hongkong on their way Home from Australia. Tilden, Washburn and Hardy are expected to play at Singapore, Manila and Shanghai also. Johnston will not call.

Application for administration of the estate of the late Lo Kwing Yu, the appointment of a receiver, and an accounting was made in the Supreme Court this morning, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gomperz, by Lau Au Shi, the widow and Lo Wing Hau, an infant relative of the deceased. The defendant was Lo Li Shi, executrix, the widow of the executor of the estate, named in the will. Mr. F.C. Imrie, instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo, appeared for the plaintiff. The application was granted.

The agenda for the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow includes the appointment of Mr. Henry L. Lokhart as a 2nd Class Sanitary Inspector.

BREACH OF CONTRACT.

SALE OF GUNNY BAGS.

CONSENT TO JUDGMENT.

Claim for \$1,288 for alleged breach of contract in failing to accept and pay for 50 bales of gunny bags was made in the Supreme Court this morning by W.G. Humphreys & Co. against the Fook Chan firm of 16 Kwai Hing Street. Defendants consented to judgment in Chambers. The plaintiffs were represented by Wilkinson and Grisst; defendants by Mr. J. A. Gardner.

The plaintiffs alleged that on May 26, 1920, they entered into a contract with the defendants to sell them 50 bales, each containing 400 pieces, of Green Stripe Heavy Gee Gunny Bags at \$31.50 per 100 bags. The goods were available for delivery on July 19, 1920. They were weighed and inspected by defendants. On the failure of the defendants to take delivery, plaintiffs sold the bags at auction for \$4,915. The claim was the difference between the contract price and the amount realized at auction.

SAMPAN CAPSIZES.

SIX WOMEN DROWNED.

EARLY MORNING ACCIDENT.

The report of an accident which cost the lives of six women comes from Kokkin, where a house coolie employed at the Charter's Mining Co.'s mashed, has informed the police that he was a passenger on a boat which capsized off Aukungkok at 4 a.m. yesterday. According to this man, he and a woman were the only two survivors. They started out from Ukwashia village in the evening, bound for Shatin with 8 people on board—seven women and himself—and a cargo of firewood. When off the Aukungkok fishing harbour the bottom of their shallow boat struck a wire connected to a stake net. Before those on board could right her, the boat capsized. The witness assisted one of the women to shore where he obtained help. Fishing smacks at once put out but no trace could be found of the missing women.

A Chinese who was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme, at the instance of Corporal A. Roberts, R.A.M.C., with the theft of a quantity of kit bags and haversacks from "F" Block, Military Quarters, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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MANAGEMENT.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

An interesting ceremony took place at St. Stephen's College on Saturday morning, when the Governor distributed the prizes and several speeches were made touching on matters of importance. Among them was the subject of the relations of the College with the University of Hongkong. The Bishop of Victoria presided at the occasion. Others present were Archdeacon Barnett, the Hon. Mr. E. Irving, Director of Education; Dr. Sanders; Mr. S. W. Tso and Mr. Lai Kwei Pui, members of the Council of the College; and Professor Hinton, Professor Simpson, and Professor Foster, of the University.

The Bishop of Victoria offered His Excellency the Governor, in the name of the Council, staff and students of the College, a very cordial welcome; they know something of the many demands on the Governor's time and interest and were the more grateful.

This school was under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society, which provided the Principal and his stipend, but the school was under the management of a local Council, the property being held by local trustees. The local Council was composed partly of Chinese gentlemen and partly of Europeans.

As this was a college for Chinese students, the aim was that it should be carried on in conformity with all that was best in Chinese thought and progress, and at the same time with what was best in the British public school system. As to the staffing of the College with European masters, at the outbreak of the war there were, in addition to the Principal, six European masters, one of whom was a Senior Wrangler.

When the war broke out those six men offered for service and one of them, whose memory would be specially in mind at the dedication of the Memorial at the Cathedral, on Sunday, gave his life in Mesopotamia. The places of those masters were filled, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, chiefly adverse health, one or another of them had left the Colony and one of the problems before the Council was whether they could hope to get the same European staff as before the war.

He wished to express appreciation of the Chinese masters, graduates of Hongkong University, who had carried on the work formerly done by some of the European masters. (Applause.)

The results in the examination and other tests showed the efficiency of their work, but all were agreed that while a strong Chinese graduate staff should be maintained, the proportion should be adjusted in regard to European masters, and the College should continue to have men with the traditions of British "public school" experience behind them. Mr. Hewitt, the Warden, had had to carry on his work under very difficult circumstances, and added burdens had been placed upon him at a time when his health was not good. The meeting would doubtless like to express its sympathy and thankfulness to Mr. Hewitt for his work for the College. (Applause.)

The Rev. W. H. Hewitt (the Warden), before reading his report for the year 1919-1920, took the opportunity of welcoming the Governor on his first appearance at a St. Stephen's College prize giving. (Applause.) They welcomed him not only as Governor of the Colony but as Chancellor of Hongkong University.

The origin of the University lay in the fact that a large number of students leaving the sixth form of St. Stephen's College were going to foreign universities, and Archdeacon Barnett in 1908 was in communication with Oxford University to make arrangements for special facilities there for students of the College.

That was mentioned at one of the prize-givings at which Sir Frederick Lugard was present, and he expressed the opinion that it would be better to have a local University. The Council of St. Stephen's enthusiastically supported that proposal; the suggestions for arrangements with Oxford University were dropped, and, as a measure of its interest, the Council, when the University was established, formed

with others mostly parents and guardians, a guarantee fund, without which the University would not start an Arts course. The College had a very deep interest in the success of the University; for that institution many of its scholars were prepared, for a large proportion of the sixth form students went to Universities, either in Hongkong or in England or the United States. He advised students always to go to the local University and graduate before going abroad, and therefore the Council itself, utilizing the services of its Chinese graduates for this purpose and maintaining the important requirement that students winning scholarships by this examination should spend a year in some Hongkong school or some other recognized English High School before presenting themselves for Matriculation.

The Warden then read his annual report.

This Report covers a period of more than the usual academic year—incorporates four terms instead of three, viz. from September 1919 to December 1920.

The reason for this prolongation of our school year lies in changes made by the University of Hongkong. As we make it our aim to lay a foundation upon which the University may build, we need must know when it makes its year to begin in January instead of September.

This means that in future we shall make our promotions from Form to Form in December instead of July. And I would urge parents intending to send their sons here to let them enter early in January so that they may not miss the early part of the year's work.

Present students who are not in Form VI on December 31, 1920, are bound to suffer what they may call "the loss" of a term. Expecting promotion in July next they now find themselves delayed till December.

I beg them not to consider this as a loss at all, but as a charge to build a stronger foundation for future work.

I have constantly to warn Chinese students against the dangers of superficiality, and what goes with it, inaccuracy, in their work. Students are inclined to think that they can run before they can walk. Last year we had one student in our First Form, who thought he could enter the University, and spent most of his time reading the books for Matriculation, which he could by no means understand, instead of doing the simple easy class work which he despised but did not master. Let each student make it his aim to assimilate the subjects he is invited to study, and to be content to give plenty of time to the early stages of his work. If present students will accept my advice and use well the extra time forced upon them by the action of the University they will find it not a loss but a great gain to them. There is no cloud without its silver lining.

And when I speak of the change of Academic year as a "cloud" do not think that I am sorry for it. On the contrary. I heartily approve the change.

2. During the period now reviewed we have had changes in our staff. Shortly after Mr. Britton's return from England Messrs. Hamilton and Armitage left us. Mr. Bellhill joined the staff in September 1919 just to leave us, on grounds of health, in July 1920. Mr. Cheung went to England to London University at the same time. The vacant places were filled by Messrs. Chan Kwan Po and Wong To On, graduates in arts of Hongkong University, whom we congratulate for the degrees conferred upon them yesterday.

3. In spite of the fact that our fees had to be raised during the period covered by this report the number of students in attendance showed no material decline. The applications for boarders' rooms were more than we could accommodate.

4. In Michaelmas Term 1920 we were approached by the University on the matter of the class of Pre-matriculation students—which it was desired to terminate as a part of the University work. Nine of these students came to us for tuition as day boys while residing in the University Halls, and one of them, Isim Kae Yan, passed the Matriculation Examination last month. Of the others, some proved themselves incapable of University work and have withdrawn from the University. Others—Siamese students, who had been placed in our Fifth Form were doing fairly well, but have been recalled to

Siam. Thus the Pre-matriculation Class has died, and I for one, hope that it will never be revived. The excuse for it was the weakness of students who obtained scholarships at the University granted by Provincial Governments in China. The problem is a real one; but if it be met on the lines of the Yunnan Scholarship Examination it may be solved readily. This examination is conducted at Yunnanfu, under the supervision of H.B.M. Consul-General. The questions and answers are in Chinese except in the case of the English section, and the standard required is that of the Hongkong University Junior Local Examination, except that arithmetic and Chinese are of Matriculation Standard. A preliminary qualifying examination is held in English dictation. The scholarship is held on condition that the first year is spent at St. Stephen's College. Of the several students from Yunnan who have joined the University I believe that there has been only one failure to matriculate at the normal date, and that exception passed six months after his failure. I exclude from this count several Yunnan students who were taken from this school in the early days and drawn to residence at the University before the end of their first year. If I am not mistaken there were failures among them in the Entrance Examinations.

This year I have been asked by the University to organize this examination, as in previous years—but I would urge that in future the University should undertake the work itself, utilizing the services of its Chinese graduates for this purpose and maintaining the important requirement that students winning scholarships by this examination should spend a year in some Hongkong school or some other recognized English High School before presenting themselves for Matriculation.

5. The period now reviewed has seen the institution of another scholarship—viz. the St. Stephen's Scholarship at Holy Trinity School, Canton. That school aims to be a feeder to the University, and in order to help it to attain its aims, our College Council offered three scholarships tenable for three years at St. Stephen's College—the first scholarship covering fees for tutor and board, and those on two succeeding years covering tuition fees only. An examination is held in Canton. The successful candidate enters our Upper School Form IV and is required to obtain promotion each year until at the end of the third year he matriculates. There the scholarship ends, so far as we are concerned; but I dare to hope that when the first scholar matriculates in December 1923 there may be some one interested in the articulation of education between Canton and Hongkong who will provide a University in continuation of this school scholarship.

6. The test of a school is not properly to be found in the examination lists to which I am slowly leading up. It is to be looked for in the after life of the pupils. Recently I received from the head of a College in America a complimentary statement about a student in regard to whom I had written a report of his school work showing that he was rather below than above our average. The Principal replied that he would be delighted to take from us as many students as that class as we could send him, because this particular student was making such a good impression.

We have many Old Boys who are now studying abroad, and some of them have gone abroad too early in their student life. I would like to impress it upon students who look forward to going abroad, that they should first graduate in Hongkong University. One year spent in England for post-graduate work will generally be more valuable than three years spent by one who leaves Hongkong before graduation. I would invite those who purpose going abroad to consult me and to consider carefully the reason for and against early departure.

7. We draw many students from places far away. Peru, Cuba, British Guiana, Singapore, Java, Siam and different parts of China send us their sons. They come because they want to have a good education on British lines, and yet get into touch with China, her history, language, literature, and her whole culture. I am glad to be able to report that last year foreign students have shown much more keenness than ever before in their Chinese studies. I should like to add in order to prevent misunderstanding that Mrs. Hewitt whom I asked to examine the lower classes in their colloquial English asked me to compliment both scholars and teachers upon the excellent result of her examination. We do realize the great importance for Chinese students of obtaining a good knowledge of spoken English.

8. Our St. Stephen's College Association has had during 1920 about 300 subscribing members. Branches have been or are being formed in Great Britain, U.S.A., Canton, Macao, Peking, and Shanghai at present; two old boys are at Cambridge, one at London, one at Dublin, and others at various Universities and hospitals and schools in Great Britain.

9. But as I stand here reviewing the past year's work and problems, I ask myself, what is our school doing for China—what use are our old boys making of their education. And I can face that question with a proud and thankful heart. I cannot name all our old boys who are now holding positions of influence and honour. But I would like to mention a few taken at random almost—because for the eighteen years of our school life it has been our aim to produce men whose ideal would be that of service for others—for China, as we are all Chinese subjects here, and whose training would be such that they could appreciate British ideals and present them to their fellow-countrymen in a sympathetic spirit. In varied ways they are, many of them, now holding positions of trust and influence. If this report reaches them it will, I hope, assure them of our interest in their work, and remind them of the days when within these walls ideals of service were born which now are being exerted for the uplift of their country.

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Many others might be cited, but enough names have been given to show that now our school is beginning to achieve for good or ill the purposes conceived by its founders eighteen years ago. As I read over this list I am conscious that I have omitted some of the most brilliant names. But my purpose in mentioning any at all is to draw the attention of present scholars to the fact that their school days here are of vast importance because they are the first step into an unknown future of almost infinite possibilities for good or evil.

10. In speaking of Old Boys and their doings I should not omit to notice what they have done in athletics. We reckon two Cambridge Blues (tennis); Messrs. Wei Wing Lok and Ng Sze Cheung, and the present champion of Hongkong, Ng Sze Kwong.

This is purposely a comparatively small school—small in numbers I mean. We limit the size of our classes so that more effective supervision by the masters may be exercised. Yet despite our small numbers as compared with other institutions in Hongkong we keep two teams in the Inter-school Football League. Our position in the League might be better were we to limit our efforts to one section of the League—but we want to have as many as possible of our players taking part in these matches.

In the summer months we have In the summer months we have limited our swimming to 30 passed the test which is that they should swim twice round the anchored launch from which our party bathes.

UNIVERSITY LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

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Finally, I wish to thank the whole staff for the loyalty and devotion with which they have fulfilled their duties. I cannot speak too highly of the ability and the energy which they have shown.

One last word—as to discipline. As we are by ordinance an "exempt

school—the only one now remaining, I believe—we have not the advantage of outside comment upon one work and discipline. It is not that we are afraid of such inspection. I myself would be glad of occasional visits from the Inspector of English Schools or the Director of Education. Anything to improve, co-operation among the schools must be for the good of education in the Colony. And I must compliment both staff and students by expressing my conviction that any such outside criticism of the discipline obtaining here must be forced to express itself in the word "excellent." Sympathy and good leadership on the part of the staff has had its natural response of equal sympathy, loyalty, and earnest work on the part of the students.

The prize list was a lengthy one, and included the following—

Dux of the College (gold medal)—

Wan Wei:

Holy Trinity College Scholar (first award)—Wong Chi-kin.

Yunnan Scholarship (offered by Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. on condition that the holder studies chemistry, \$1,000 a year, tenable for five years, of which four are to be spent in the University of Hongkong; for a Yunnan student)—Leigh Byng.

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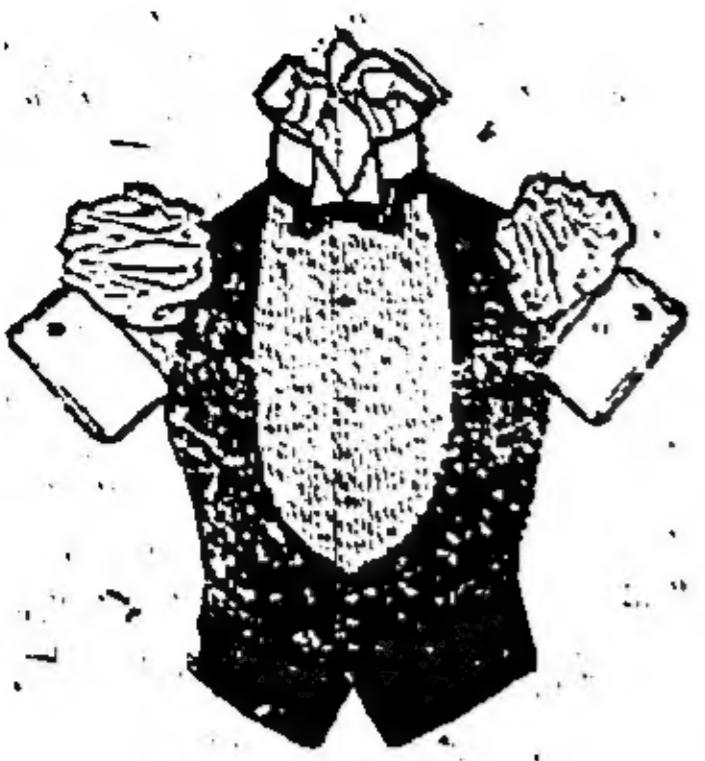
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The prize distribution of St. Paul's College held in the open air on Saturday night owing to the want of a room sufficiently large to accommodate the big gathering of parents and friends, was marred towards the conclusion by a fall of rain. H.E. the Governor, who distributed the prizes, therefore did not make a speech. Before the rain came on, however, the Bishop of Victoria, in the course of a few remarks about the College, said that it was one of the oldest educational institutions in the Colony almost as old as the Colony itself. In a report dating back to the fifties of last century he came upon this passage. "St. Paul's College was distinguished for the Chinese and English teaching imparted. From it come the best-instructed Chinese who hold at present the highest positions amongst their countrymen." Those who knew the College believed that these high traditions were more than maintained. The College owed a great deal to the devotion of Mr. Arthur Stewart and Mrs. Stewart and to Mr. Evans Stewart and those who helped in the teaching.—(Applause.)

Mr. Evan Stewart, in the course of his annual report said:—

Your Excellency, my Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen.—To-night we complete the twelfth year of this school's existence, a year which has shown encouraging advance in many ways.

Enrolment.—The number on the register has been the same as last year. The maximum number for which we have accommodation, namely 360, was reached each half year, and many applications were refused for want of space.

Attendances.—The attendance has been decidedly good, especially during the Summer when numbers are inclined to fall off. The average attendance for the year was 255. Altogether 58 attended for the whole year without missing a day.

Students.—School studies have been up to the usual standard. Special emphasis has been laid on English Composition, both oral and written, in the Lower School with good results.

In the University Local Examinations the results were as good as we expected in view of the fact that our top classes depleted in numbers. In the Senior Division five passed out of nine and in the Junior Division eleven out of fourteen, two with Distinction.

In this connection I should like to mention a former student, Ip Kam Wa, who entered the lowest class of the College in 1912, and took his medical degree in the University at the end of 1920, passing out with very good results, and thus competing the whole of his school and University career in eight years.

Sports:—In the sphere of sports limited space for practising has again been a great hindrance, however, under the enthusiastic leadership of the two sportsmasters, Mr. A. Rowan, and Mr. Leung Sai Sang, we have done better than in past years.

Three teams were entered for the school's Football League. In the Senior Division we secured second place, in the Intermediate Division we were equal second; and in the Junior Division we were fifth.

Volley ball has been played a great deal throughout the year and in the last season of the School's league we succeeded in winning the Senior Championship.

As usual the football and volleyball teams made a trip to Canton to play against the four leading Canton Schools. The volleyball team won all four matches, the football team was defeated once, by Canton, Christian College.

Basketball has been started this term, and it is hoped that we shall be able to enter a team for the Hong Kong Basketball League when the next season comes.

Hostel:—The Hostel which was opened just a year ago has been

doing well. It contains 54 boarders, which number has been maintained for most of the year. The health of the boarders has been good and very few cases of sickness have been reported. Owing to the large number of students who could not be accommodated in the College a junior school has been established in the Hostel and has an attendance at present of 62. Mr. Ip Chor Sang, who recently took over the duties of house-master from Mr. Wong Shiu Pun, is in charge of the Hostel School.

Staff:—During the past year there have been several changes in the Staff. In March Mr. Chin Kwong Yan left to enter business, and soon afterwards Mr. Pong Poon Ying left us to enter the Shanghai College. Two members of the Staff have left to further their education with a view to returning to us later. Mr. Wong Shiu Pun going to England and Mr. Li Chi Wa to the Hongkong University. At Christmas Mrs. Goggin resigned as she was returning to England.

Another loss has been Mr. Lai Chi Lau, master in charge of vernacular studies; who, after eight years with us, is now retiring to take up some less arduous work. He will be a loss to the College, but we may be assured that his duties will be ably discharged by Mr. Wong Iu King.

In December the Rev. A. D. Stewart, Principal of the College, left for England on furlough.

To fill the vacancies in the Staff we have been most fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Andrews, Miss Miall, and Miss Middleton Smith, who has been acting head-mistress of St. Stephen Girls' College. We have also been strengthened by the addition of Mr. Wong Yee Bo, Mr. Leung Sai Sang, and Mr. Wong Shiu Yu, another former student of the College.

Last month Mrs. Claxton returned from England, and was welcomed back to the Staff by many old friends in the school.

We have also had the valuable help of Mrs. Bionn for drawing, and Captain Foggs as shorthand master.

Mrs. Walmsley, who, it was feared, would have to leave in the Summer, has fortunately been able to continue her teaching throughout the year. Mr. Ip Choy Sang has again done well both as house-master and as master in charge of the junior school. Mr. Wei Wing Yuet, senior mathematical master, has added another year of good work to the many he has already given to the College. Mr. A. Rowan has done invaluable service both as sportsmaster and in school.

During the past few years branch schools have been established at Aberdeen, Yau Ma Tei, and last year another at Shekki. These have a total attendance of about one hundred and forty.

Besides these, there is a free school for boys at Tai Hang, Causeway Bay, which was started by the students of the College. It is managed by a committee of the monitors, and is supported by the College.

The boarders in the Hostel are still continuing the free night school in the College, six nights a week, thus giving practical help to about ninety boys of the poorer class.

In addition to this, members of the Staff and students have done useful work on the Scripture Union meetings in the College, and in active evangelistic work in the preaching hall in Hollywood Road.

In bringing this report to a close I should like to express thanks to all those who have been kind enough to give addresses on Saturday mornings; to the past students who donated the Lander Scholarship; to a former student, Dr. Ip Kam Wa, who has kindly offered to act as Hon. Medical Adviser to the College; and to all those who supported us throughout the year.

Finally, I wish both Staff and students a happy holiday.

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